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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MESSNER ET AL.

Examiner

James W. Myhre

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 20-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 20-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 07/25/2001.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendment filed on February 22, 2005 under 37 CFR 1.111 is sufficient to overcome the Jovicic et al (5,855,007) reference. The amendment canceled Claims 7-19 and amended Claims 20-22. The currently pending claims considered below are Claims 1-6 and 20-23.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. A signed copy of the July 25, 2001 Information Disclosure Statement is attached hereto.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

3. The amendment filed on February 22, 2005 canceled Claims 13-19, thus overcoming their rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101 for being directed to non-statutory subject matter in paragraph 2 of the previous Office Action. Therefore, the Examiner hereby withdraws that rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-6 and 20-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Begum et al (5,420,6060).

Claims 1-6, and 20: Begum discloses a system, method, and apparatus for delivering and redeeming coupons wirelessly, comprising:

- a. delivering an electronic coupon to a portable communication unit (col 2, lines 5-47 and col 3, lines 4-53);
- b. transmitting the coupon to a coupon provider via a wireless receiver upon activation via a user interface (col 2, lines 5-47; col 3, lines 4-53; and col 5, lines 6-44);
- c. receiving approval to redeem the coupon from the coupon provider (col 2, lines 5-47; col 3, lines 4-53; and col 5, lines 6-44); and
- d. calculate the final price for the item upon receiving the approval (col 2, lines 5-47 and col 5, lines 6-44).

Claim 21: Begum discloses a method for delivering and redeeming coupons wirelessly as in Claim 20 above, and further discloses receiving a wireless acknowledgement from the merchant's redemption device (col 7, lines 54-57).

Claims 22 and 23: Begum discloses a method for delivering and redeeming coupons wirelessly as in Claim 21 above, and further discloses deleting the electronic coupon from storage upon receiving an electronic coupon deletion instruction (col 4, line 63 – col 5, line 5 and col 7, lines 3-9).

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-6 and 20-23 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Exr. James W. Myhre whose telephone number is (571) 272-6722. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 5:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

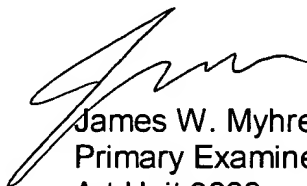
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eric Stamber, can be reached on (571) 272-6724. The fax phone number for Formal or Official faxes to Technology Center 3600 is (571) 273-8300. Draft or Informal faxes, which will not be entered in the application, may be submitted directly to the examiner at (571) 273-6722.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group Receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-3600.



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